



## Letter to the Editor

# Multiple fractures in Sjogrens syndrome

Dear Editor,

Stathopoulos et al has discussed the course of a 76 year old lady presenting with multiple fractures despite having been treated for osteoporosis<sup>1</sup>. In a patient with Sjogrens syndrome, presenting with multiple fractures and delayed fracture healing, the possibility of distal renal tubular acidosis and osteomalacia should be considered. Few cases have been described in literature<sup>2,3</sup>. In Sjogrens syndrome, renal tubular acidosis is an extraglandular manifestation occurring as a result of autoimmune tubulointerstitial nephritis<sup>4</sup>. This can lead to secondary osteoporosis as well. The therapeutic implication is that in case of a metabolic bone disease, it has to be tackled before commencing treatment for osteoporosis. Also, bone mineral density cannot differentiate osteomalacia from osteoporosis. Was this patient evaluated for renal tubular acidosis?

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Sincerely,

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